

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-9 have been canceled to reduce the number of issues on appeal, and Applicants specifically reserve the right to prosecute the previously presented subject matter of canceled claims 1-3 and 5-9 in a continuing application.

Accordingly, claims 10-16 and 17-27 are pending in this application. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 10-16 and 17-27 are patentable over the prior art of record.

Nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the claim amendments herein do not signify concession of unpatentability of claims 1-3 and 5-9 prior to the amendments herein. Again, Applicants hereby specifically reserve the right to prosecute claims 1-3 and 5-9 or claims of different scope in a continuing application. The Examiner should infer no (i) adoption of a position with respect to patentability, (ii) change in Applicants' position with respect to any claim or subject matter of the invention, or (iii) acquiescence in any way to any position taken by Examiner, based on the amendments made herein.

No fee is believe to be due at this time. If necessary, please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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